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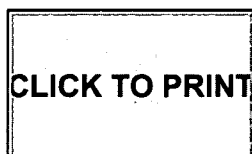
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MEDIA MEMO

To: Max
Fr: Sara Kuban
Re: Ag Radio Press Interviews

On Wednesday, March 19, 2003, you will be interviewed by two different ag radio stations. The first interview will be at 1:30 p.m. EST and you will talk **LIVE** with John Rabenberg KVCK radio, Wolf Point. He will ask you general questions about agricultural issues; what has happened this year, what you are working on, what you hope to accomplish etc.

Immediately following the live interview, you will talk with Scott Fredericks KGHL radio in Billings. This interview will be **taped**. Scott's questions will be general questions on agricultural issues and one or two on Iraq. Below you will find talking points that will work for both of these interviews.

Talking Points

Agriculture

On Monday I addressed the board meeting of national wheat industry representatives and I vowed to:

- Monitoring the implementation of the Farm Bill signed by President Bush to ensure that it works for Montana.
- Currently I am working on getting the agriculture disaster assistance implemented quickly and fairly for producers.
- Working on knocking down trade barriers to open up more markets to export Montana's high quality products
- I will continue to push to renew trade relations with Cuba, this would benefit Montana's farmers and ranchers greatly

Iraq

- Although I would have preferred that we had more support for military action, it is important that we continue diplomatic efforts to try to assemble the broadest coalition possible to help us disarm Iraq and rebuild it afterwards. Reconstructing Iraq, both politically and economically, will be a massive, lengthy, and costly exercise. We cannot do this alone. We will need allies to share the burden of putting Iraq back together again.
- There is no question that the United States has the ability and the right to take necessary action to protect our country. But throughout the operations, it's important that we continue to work to build international bridges. If we are to successfully prosecute the war on terrorism and deal with the threats posed by weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, particularly in North Korea, we will need the unwavering support of our friends.